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Dear Parent/Carers

## Start of New Academic Year - Update

We are very much looking forward to welcoming students back to school on the following dates:

Wednesday 6 September: Year 7 and 12 – Induction Day

Thursday 7 September: Year 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 - school open to all students

#### **RAAC – Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete**

I wanted to write to you about the widely reported safety concerns around RAAC in UK schools. The construction at BFS is not of a type that used RAAC. The school has also had a DfE condition survey during the period they have been looking at RAAC. There are no consequences for the school regarding this issue.

### **Mobile Phones in school**

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used in school. If students bring phones, they must not be visible during the school day, switched off and in bags. To support the school, we ask parents/carers not to contact their child during the day via their mobile phone. If you have an urgent need to contact your child during the school day, please use the school phone number 0117 9597200 or email <u>admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk</u>. We will make sure they will respond accordingly. We will be confiscating mobile phones if they are used during the day from Monday 11 September.

### **School Photos**

For your information, Years 7, 9, 11 and 12 will have a student photograph taken on Thursday or Friday. This will be used in our school database.

# **Weather Watch**

We are aware of the forecast over the next few days, and it seems to be a lot hotter than the summer! Therefore, please ensure your child brings in a refillable water bottle so they can stay hydrated. We will be in touch with you if we decide to make any uniform adjustments.

If you have any queries, please email admin@bristolfreeschool.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs S King Headteacher

